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2003 season almost over!

The deadline for datasheets to be turned in is Monday, September 1. Please make sure that driving route data is entered into the on-line database and your datasheets have been mailed in. If you are having problems with the database or need assistance in entering your data, please, **do NOT hesitate** to call me!

Green treefrog being added to NAAMP list for 2004.

The last newsletter indicated that we now have green treefrogs (*Hyla cinerea*) in Indiana. They can only be found in the extreme southwest part of the state in the Evansville area. Please make sure to keep your eyes out for changes on the data sheet and new information on the website.

Indiana's Nongame Program gets new name.

The Indiana Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program (NEWP) will no longer be NEWP. The Program name will change to the Wildlife Diversity Program (WDP). Never fear! The Program will continue to do exactly what it has done since its creation in 1982.

WooHoo! WDP gains an herpetologist.

Finally?!? You say. The Wildlife Diversity Program has filled the position and now has a full-time herpetologist.

We would like to welcome Mr. Zack Walker as the new herpetologist. He will take on the responsibilities of the timber rattlesnake and hellbender studies. New research and management projects are being developed on other Indiana herps.

I will continue to serve as the state coordinator for the Amphibian Monitoring Program and will work with Zack to develop specific monitoring sites for state properties. You will be notified when this has been completed.

Meet Zack Walker: A brief bio on the new herpetologist.

Walker was born and raised in Bloomington, Ind. He obtained his bachelors degree from Purdue University in wildlife science and his masters from Purdue in Biology.

His graduate research focused on the spatial ecology of the timber rattlesnake in south-central Indiana. This involved the use of radiotelemetry to quantify habitat selection and movement patterns

for study individuals. While obtaining his masters, Zack was also able to assist for a month with a leatherback sea turtle project located in Costa Rica. After graduation Zack accepted a position as Indiana's deer research biologist. He has been working for the state since then.

Zack is a certified associate wildlife biologist with the wildlife society. He is located in the Bloomington field office, and began work with the WDP July 2003.



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